



One Staff Member Tests Positive for COVID-19 at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre

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The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre today received confirmation that a frontline caregiver working in the Rideau building has tested positive for COVID-19.

The individual is self-isolating at home. Currently, there are two staff members from the Rideau building who have tested positive for the virus. We wish each of them a full recovery and rapid return to work after completing all required safety protocols.

There are no positive cases of the virus among Perley Rideau residents.

In the Rideau building, contact tracing is underway to assist with outbreak management and in support of an aggressive surveillance campaign that has resulted in more than 3,700 tests of residents and staff since the start of the pandemic. With this new positive case of COVID-19, the earliest the Rideau building could be out of outbreak is midnight, July 15. Visitors of the Rideau building residents could attend starting on July 16.

The Ottawa and Gatineau buildings are outbreak free and residents are permitted. Perley Rideau staff are arranging for visitation in the courtyard adjacent to Lupton Hall.

The Ministry of Long-Term Care recently established guidelines to protect residents from hot weather-related illness during the pandemic. According to the guidelines, the acceptable upper temperature limit is 26°C with a humidex of 30. As a result, we regret to inform families the planned visits for Friday, July 3 must be cancelled. Staff are contacting families to inform them of this news.

Useful Information

COVID-19 Updates: <http://bit.ly/2bxORAO>

Resumption of Visits: <https://bit.ly/2Z5Z41u>

Preparing for Hot Weather During a Pandemic: <https://bit.ly/38h2G4V>

News Archive: <https://bit.ly/2WTmrKL>

The Command Centre team meets regularly to address this pandemic and our team commits to provide frequent updates to our community.

“To everyone affected by COVID-19, please know we continue to monitor this virus, to plan and act to protect our community,” says Akos Hoffer CEO. “I am confident that we can keep the virus from spreading while maximizing the quality of life of our residents.”

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The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre is one of the largest and most progressive long-term care homes in Ontario. In addition to the 450 long-term care beds for Veterans and members of the public, the Perley Rideau campus includes a Seniors Village with 139 independent-living apartments. It employs a staff of more than 850.